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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: MARCOS-GAYLER CONVERSATION
AUGUST 7

1. AT END OF CALL WHICH ADMIRAL GAYLER AND I MADE ON
PRESIDENT MARCOS MORNING AUGUST 7, MARCOS REVERTED
TO DISCUSSIONS HE HAD HELD WITH DEPSEC ROBINSON AUGUST 6
ON SUBJECT MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT WE
MUSTN'T LET TALKS DRAG ON TOO LONG. ALL SORTS OF BARRIOS
KEPT INTRODUCING SPECIAL CLAIMS ON THE BASES AND THE
LONGER THE TALKS, THE MORE THE CLAIMS.

2. HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE TALKS WERE "STRUCTURED"
IN SUCH A WAY THAT DETAILS COULD BLOCK PROGRESS. HE
SUGGESTED THAT THE TWO PANELS DRAW UP A LIST OF AGREED
AND DISAGREED ITEMS. (I TOLD HIM WE WERE ALREADY
DOING THAT.) IN ADDITION, HE SUGGESTED ROMUALDEZ AND I
DRAW UP A LIST OF THOSE ITEMS WHICH NEED "POLITICAL
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DECISIONS." HE SAID HE WOULD STUDY THOSE WITH A VIEW TO

DETERMING WHETHER THESE POLITICAL DECISIONS COULD BE
RESOLVED IN A "PRIVATE MEETING" OUTSIDE THE FORUM OF THE
REGULAR PANELS.

3. I TOLD HIM I WOULD BE PLEASED TO FOLLOW UP THESE
SUGGESTIONS WITH ROMUALDEZ AND FELT WE COULD PROBABLY GET
BOTH LISTS COMPLETED IN THE COURSE OF THE WEEK OF
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